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(c) The public address system required by §121.610 of this chapter may be used to sound the general alarm signal.

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## Subpart A—General Provisions

## §121.100 General requirement.

(a) Vessel control systems and other miscellaneous systems and equipment required by this part must be suitable for the purposes intended.

(b) The cognizant Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI) may require navigation, control, or communications equipment, in excess of the equipment specifically required by this part, on a vessel that is of a novel design, operates at high speeds in restricted or high traffic areas, operates in a dynamically supported mode, or operates on extended routes or in remote locations.

## § 121.115 Applicability to existing vessels.

(a) An existing vessel need not comply with §§ 121.402(c), 121.404, 121.410, and 121.602 of this part unless the cognizant OCMI specifically requires compliance due to the route or service of the vessel.

(b) An existing vessel need not comply with the requirements of §121.610 of this part until March 11, 2001, or 10 years after its keel was laid or the vessel was at a similar stage of construction, whichever is later.

(c) An existing vessel need not comply with the requirements of §121.710 of this part until March 11, 1997.

## Subpart B—Cooking and Heating

## § 121.200 General.

Cooking and heating equipment must be suitable for marine use. Equipment designed and installed in accordance with American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) A-3, "Recommended Practices and Standards Covering Gallev Stoves," and A-7, "Recommended Practices and Standards Covering Boat Heating Systems," or with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 302, "Pleasure and Commercial Motor Craft," complies with this requirement, except as restricted by §121.202 of this part.

## §121.202 Restrictions.

(a) The use of gasoline for cooking, heating, or lighting is prohibited on all vessels.